

Happy New Year!

Boletín en español

I would like to wish everyone again a Happy New Year. Hopefully everyone had a warm holiday break with loved ones. I can't believe it has officially been a year since I have been in office. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you. We have some great initiatives in the pipeline, which I will describe in this newsletter. As always, please know that as your Sterling representative, I am here to assist you in any community, residential or individual matter. Never hesitate to reach out to my office at 703-737-8089. If we cannot personally help, we will at least refer you to the appropriate contact to assist you.



Community Garden Project Update!

I hope the community is as excited as our office is in this project. My staff was out this past holiday weekend with a few community members visiting and vetting all possible sites for our community garden pilot project. They visited 12+ sites and are in the process of elimination at the moment. We will be providing further updates as more

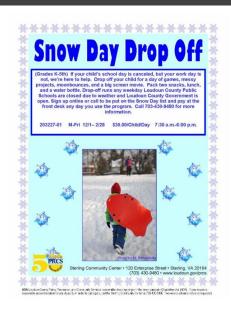
developments ensue. Look out for the next email including with the top viable sites for our future garden.

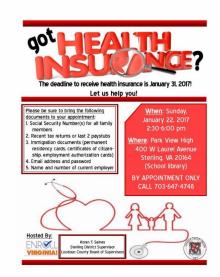
If you want to stay up-to-date on the project, send an email to my Aide Jackie at Jacqueline.Pujol@loudoun.gov and ask her to be added to the Community Garden listsery.

Snow Day Drop Off at Sterling Community Center

(Grades K-5th) If your child's school day is canceled, but your work day is not, the Sterling Community Center is here to help. Drop off your child for a day of games, messy projects, moonbounces, and a big screen movie. Pack two snacks, lunch, and a water bottle. Drop-off runs any weekday Loudoun County Public Schools are closed due to weather AND Loudoun County Government is open.

Sign up online or call to be put on the Snow Day list and pay at the front desk any day you use the program. Call 703-430-9480 for more info. The cost is \$30.00/Child/Day from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.





Open Enrollment Healthcare Event - Sunday, January 22

For anyone still uninsured, there is still time to sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. The deadline to enroll is January 31, 2017. Our office is partnering with *ENROLL Virginia* on January 22 and hosting an enrollment event for individuals needing help with the online application. The event will take place at Park View High, inside the school library from 2:30 pm to 6 pm.

On January 22, *ENROLL Virginia* Assisters, who are federally trained and certified to provide free and unbiased enrollment, will be providing one-on-one or group application assistance. Spanish translators will also be available on January 22.

RSVP is required. Please call ENROLL Virginia's hotline at 703-647-4748 to schedule an appointment. Make sure to see the flyer for more details. Applicants should bring important documents as noted in the flyer. Volunteers are needed for the event. Please email my Aide, Jackie at jacqueline.Pujol@loudoun.gov to help out.

Safety Tips When Crossing the Road...

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has released these safety tips for drivers, pedestrians AND bicyclists. Please take a look at them, especially if you are a pedestrian or bicyclist. Both pedestrians and cyclists should always watch for turning vehicles and motorists must always yield to cyclists and pedestrians when turning.



Other tips you should know:

- Drivers should allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists.
- Pedestrians, stay visible after dark and in bad weather (reflective wear recommended!)
- Bicyclists, obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights just as motorists do.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

Loudoun County is offering five locations for residents to drop off their Christmas trees for recycling through January 20th. Only natural, cut trees and natural wreaths are accepted as they will be converted into a natural mulch product.

Whether recycling your tree via your recycling services or through the County, make sure to

remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc. Visit www.loudoun.gov/TreeRecycling or call 703-771-5500 for more information.

<u>The Sterling drop off location</u>: Claude Moore Park (use Loudoun Park Lane entrance), 46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Open daily, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Envision Loudoun Continues Online through January 9!

Anyone who was unable to attend one of the workshops held this past November and December, is encouraged to participate in the online exercises, which are available through early January. If you have not yet, please visit the online tool and



provide your thoughts and concerns about our County's future.

This online tool stems from the County's effort to engage as many community members in the development of the County's New Comprehensive Plan. This plan will serve as Loudoun County government's guiding document for land use and development for the foreseeable future. Visit the online tool now at www.EnvisionLoudoun.org.



Affordable Dwelling Units for Sale in Active Adult Community for Ages 50 & Up

The Loudoun County ADU Program has available units in an active adult community in Ashburn that serves people ages 50 and older. In addition to income and credit requirements, applicants to

purchase these properties must be age 50 or older, have no children under 18 in their household, and must not own a home at the time of ADU settlement.

The ADU Program, administered by the Department of Family Services, provides opportunities to individuals and families to purchase an age-restricted home directly from the builder at a substantially lower sales price than that of similar homes being offered at market prices. Five units are currently available to purchase for under \$95,000. These units are the last ADU offerings in this community. For more info, call 703-737-8043 or visit www.loudoun.gov/adu.

Volunteer Opportunities

English Language Tutoring Program for adults needs volunteers who can commit to eight weeks, one or two hours a week. If you're interested, email amanda.frazier@loudoun.gov.

Girl Scouts are in need of local mentors. Call 202-237-1670 or 800-523-7898 to sign up!

Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education (GIVE) needs high school students to tutor students in grades K-5 once a week, on weekends. Go to giveyouth.org/tutoring-program.



Healthworks Leesburg health center needs certified Spanish medical interpreters. Call 703-429-4960 or email scleveland@hwnova.org if interested or for more information.

INMED Partnerships for Children seeks volunteers 18 and older to manage a donation room in Sterling. Call Maria Vasquez-Alvarez, 703-729-4951, Ext. 218.

Upcoming Events

Jan 9: Mind Flow class from 10-11 am and every second Tuesday of the month. Build mental muscle while enjoying fun and games at the Senior Center at 21060 Whitfield Pl in Sterling. Must be 55+ to participate. Become a member of the center or pay a daily drop-in fee. Call the center for more information 571-258-3280.



Jan 10-24: FREE Blood Pressure Screenings in Sterling provided by Inova Loudoun Hospital's Mobile Health Services:

- Jan 10, 9 am-12 pm, Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling.
- Jan 16, 9-11 am, William Watters House, 22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling.
- Jan 24, 9 am-12 pm, Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling.

Jan 25 & 28: Auditions for Loudoun Centre Theatre's production of Footloose. They will be held on Wednesday, January 25 from 6- 8 pm, and Saturday, January 28 from 12-2:30 pm. The auditions will be held at the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls, VA.

Performance dates will be May 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th. Men and women (ages 12 & older) and a few children (ages 8-12) are needed. All those who audition need to come prepared to sing 16 bars of a song in the style of the show. For more information, visit www.thelct.org.

Feb 4: Chinese New Year Event from 1-4 pm at the Franklin Park Arts Center. (All ages) Celebrate the Year of the Rooster, wear the lucky colors gold, brown and yellow, enjoy arts and crafts, solve Lantern Tiger Riddles and enjoy refreshments and entertainment. This program is also a reception to celebrate the opening of our yearly Youth Art Show. Tickets \$10.00 per person, \$35.00 - family of four or more. Call 540-338-7973 for more information or tickets.

Feb 4: Join the Loudoun Symphony for Winter Respite at the Community Center in Middleburg. The program begins at 4 pm and features music by Bach, Beethoven and Hayden. The orchestra and guest soloist, violinist Teresa Gordon, will perform in a music-in-the-round format with the audience seated around the orchestra. Refreshment including wine will be available. Find details here: http://www.loudounsymphony.org/lso.

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